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FOLLOWING HONG KONG 14585 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO JAKARTA
CANBERRA SYDNEY TOKYO SURABAYA DEC 17; REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: PAN AM CLOSING PILOT BASE IN HONG KONG

1. PAN AMERICAN IS PLANNING TO CLOSE ITS PILOT BASE IN HONG KONG
AT THE END OF JANUARY. PAN AM OFFICIALS IN HONG KONG STATE THAT
THIS IS NOT, RPT NOT DUE TO THE RECENT CHANGES IN U.S. TAX LAWS,
BUT RATHER TO CHANGES THAT PAN AM IS FORCED TO MAKE IN ITS ROUTE
STRUCTURE. THE PILOT BASE IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR CREWS OF 707'S,
WHICH PAN AM USES ON ITS FLIGHT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BALI,
JAKARTA, AND SYDNEY. HOWEVER, THESE ROUTES ARE BEING DISCONTINUED
IN JANUARY, AS GOI AND GOA BOTH INSIST THAT PAN AM HAS BEEN
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VIOLATING ROUTE AGREEMENTS ON THESE ROUTES FOR THE PAST EIGHT
YEARS.

2. FLIGHT 3/FLIGHT 8 ORIGINATING IN LOS ANGELES, USES A 707 ON
THE TOKYO - HONG KONG PORTION. THE PAN AM OFFICE IN HONG KONG IS
FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THIS PORTION WILL BE DISCONTINUED, BUT

IS NOT PUBLICIZING THIS, AS A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET
BEEN MADE.

3. THERE IS ONE OTHER PAN AM 707 FLIGHT FROM HONG KONG, AND
THIS IS TO GUAM, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO. THIS FLIGHT HAS
BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SERVICED BY PAN AM'S SAN FRANCISCO
BASE. 707 FREIGHTER SERVICE TO HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE
SERVICED FROM THE EST COAST. CROSS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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